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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 3736PATENTSIN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Johann Karl KITTA ET AL. - 1
SERIAL NO.: 10/801,287 EXAMINER: Anuradha ROY
FILED: MARCH 16, 2004 GROUP: 3736
TITLE: HOLLOW NEEDLE HOLDER

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP AF
Honorable Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated August 22, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration on the basis of the following:

Remarks/Arguments which begin on page 2 of this paper.

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